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tently in the right, to the close. The splendid meteor is forgotten, or only remembered "to point a moral, or adorn a tale."

Lords Grey and Grenville come off with honour in the late negociation, notwithstanding the attempts of hireling writers to brand them with a desire to rule supreme; for had they accepted power, without a command of the household, such is at present the force of the unconstitutional system of patronage and corruption, they would soon have found, in the language of the late Earl of Chatham, "the ground hollow under them," and that they would have been mere puppets in the hands of the interior cabinet, either to submit or resign, if they became refractory in attempting to carry into effect the pledges, they had so often given to the public for their future conduct. They appear for once to have been frightened into patriotism, and as so much has been said against all political parties being equally corrupt, to have been ashamed to permit the assertion to be strengthened in the present instance by their example. We are almost tempted to overlook the share which Lord Gren-

ville took with his "relation, the great statesman now no more," in smothering the sacred flame of liberty; and to forgive Earl Grey for his aristocratical hauteur, and his apostacy from the cause of Parliamentary reform. In their late honourable stand they are rather deserving of credit for the exertion of virtuous principle, and encourage a hope, that they will go on in the way to amend.

Probably great benefits would not have accrued from the change; but in our present desperate state, it would have given a little hope to see it tried. Yet in the breaking off of the negociation, there is no cause for surprise. Whoever has closely viewed the proceedings of the times, may have seen cause to dread, that in every change, the worst may be expected; and that under existing circumstances, vice and folly may be expected to prevail over plain and honourable dealing. The odds are always in favour of the worst taking place. Under such discouraging prospects, to use the words of Swift for his own epitaph, "A SEVERE INDIGNATION LACERATES THE HEART."

SIGNATURES OBTAINED TO THE PETITION OF THE PROTESTANTS IN FAVOUR OF CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION.

At Hillsborough.

Marquis of Downshire	Geo. Stephenson	Robt. McClure, Presbyterian
E. S. Ruthven	Robt. J. Fowler, Linen-In-	Minister, Annahilt
Pat. O'Hanlon, J.P., Newry	spector, Carinbane	William Nash, Hillsborough.

*In the County of Monaghan.**

Richard Dawson, Dawson-Grove	John M'Morran, M.D. Monaghan	W. Williams, do.
H. Evatt, J.P. Co. Monaghan	Richard Mitchell, do.	J. Johnston, do.
Ralph Dawson, J.P. County Monaghan	Forster Mitchell, do.	Robt. Thomson, Tullaghan
	Francis Fleming, do.	John Forbes, Shantinel
Thomas Coote, Ballinderry	William Mayne, J.P. County Monaghan	Robert Robinson, Farm-hill
Thomas Cotnam		Hugh Jackson, J.P., Crieve
		S. Hamilton Rowan, do.

* Had the Petition remained longer, many others would have added their Signatures.

Joseph Cunningham, do.	Francis Horner, do.	Wm. Hamilton, Castleblayney
Samuel Nelson, do.	James Birnie, do.	John M ^c Math, do.
Samuel Cunningham, do.	Joseph Martin, do.	James M ^c Math, do.
John Jackson, Senr., do.	William Barker, do.	Andrew M ^c Math, do.
John Jackson, Jun. do.	Hugh Jackson, Cremorne-	William Lewers, do.
John Jackson Cunningham, do.	green	Henry Boyd, do.
James Jackson, Ballibay	Thomas M ^c Clelland, Laragh	Robert Ross, do.
John M ^c Clelland, do.	James M ^c Clelland, Sen. do.	Thomas Ross, do.
Archibald Martin, do.	Joseph M ^c Clelland, do.	Henry Smyth, do.
William Grey, do.	James M ^c Clelland, Jun.	William Fevibill, do.
James Irwin, do.	James Branion, Listraer	Edward Hunter, do.
John Horner, do.	Samuel Johnston, Rockfield	James Gibson, M.D. do.
Andrew M ^c Murray, Sur-	James Byers, Augherilane	William Johnston, M.D. do.
geon, do.	Watt Steel, Monalty	John Knox, do.
Archibald Horner, do.	H. Thomson Jackson, Fair-	Thomas Irwin, M.D. do.
Adam M ^c Cullough, do.	View	William Warnock, do.
John Blair, do.	Joseph Harris, Cada	John Warnock, do.

At Colerain.†

Hugh Lyle	James Black	John Hamilton
William Lawrence	Thomas Black	Robert Sharp
Rev. Wm. Hawkey, Vicar of	John M ^c Iver	John Sharp
Ballywillan and Bally-	James M ^c Iver	Daniel M ^c Grigar
rasham	John Wilson, Sen. Drumcroon	William Hamilton
Hugh Boyle	John Knox, Rushbrook	Samuel Given
William M ^c Kenzie	Adam Hunter, Ballymagarry	John Mitchel
James Barklie	Hugh Ovens, Greenfield	Thomas Dunlap
Rev. A. M ^c Caldin, Presby-	Richard Ross, Magilligan	Archibald Dunlap
terian Minister	Andrew Dunlop, Priestland	Daniel Boyle
Robert Kyle	Matthew Harshaw	James Caldwell
Thomas Rice, Jun.	Rev. Robt. Hazlett, Rector	John Orr
William Gregg	of Kileowni	L. Smith, R.L.M.
Charles Newton	John Boyd	Alexander Aikin
Daniel Dunlop	John Lawrence	William Nincock
John Galt	Samuel Lawrence, Jun.	Joseph Kennedy
William Galt	Alexander Niele	Alexander Reynolds
Alexander Adams	Andrew M ^c Kittrick	John Doherty
William Holmes, Sen.	Dunlop Adams	Nathaniel Young
William Holmes, Jun.	Charles Gardner	James Nesbitt
Rev. Peter Carleton, Rector	Joseph Gordon	Alexander Kennedy.
of Aughadowey		

† The Petition was only one day in Colerain, and but few of those who wished to sign, had an opportunity. The list is from recollection, but if there are any omissions, they will, on intimation, be rectified. It is hoped, that a list of 89 signatures obtained at Killileagh Castle, will be procured in time for the next number. The list from Downpatrick may be expected in our next.

CORRESPONDENCE ON SUBJECTS RELATING
TO THE RETROSPECT OF POLITICS.

For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

THE proprietors of the Belfast Monthly Magazine are requested to give insertion to a few lines, on a subject of considerable
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importance, to which the hopes and the fears of many are at present directed. Every reader of our Belfast Journals will recollect a literary contest "on the merits of Orangeism," which occupied the columns of a few numbers of the News-Letter, within these five or six months back. The editor of this most impartial paper, declined, after some time, the controversy; and
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